

# People . . .

## Davis Becomes President Of Potash Co. of America

F. O. Davis, executive vice president and treasurer of Potash Co. of America, has been named president. He succeeds G. F. Coope, who retires after leading the company for 21 years. Coope will continue as a director and member of the executive committee. Succeeding Davis as treasurer is W. H. Bartlett, comptroller.

Howard J. Grady has been elected executive vice president and member of the board of Calspray. He will transfer from Washington, D. C., where he has been in charge of the eastern marketing region, to the Richmond, Calif., home office to assist in company management.

Merle E. Ward, who has been manager of agricultural chemicals for Du Pont of Canada, has been transferred to Wilmington, where he will be general product manager of agricultural chemicals. He succeeds Jack M. Zimmerman, who moves to the post of assistant district sales manager in Houston, Tex. Dale E. Wolf has been transferred from assistant district sales

manager in Philadelphia to the same position in Atlanta. Eugene F. Clement, who has been a Du Pont sales representative in the intermountain area, has been transferred to Atlanta.

Rolland O. Baum has been elected president of Tennessee Products & Chemical. He succeeds Carl McFarlin, Sr., who becomes chairman of the board. Baum had been executive vice president and general manager of Tennessee Products.

Frank W. Dennis, Earl L. Whitford, and Robert E. Wilkin have been elected senior vice presidents of Hooker Chemical Corp. They, along with several other officers, are to make up the newly created management committee. John S. Coey has been elected vice president in charge of eastern chemical sales.

John E. Bierwirth, president of National Distillers & Chemical since 1949, has been elected chairman of the company's board and chief executive officer. Succeeding him as president is Roy F. Coppedge, Jr., who has been executive vice president.

Albert P. Guill has been named western field representative for the

market development department of Commercial Solvents. Formerly chief chemist at the Terre Haute, Ind., plant laboratories, he will headquarter at the company's Los Angeles office.

P. J. O'Brien has been appointed by U. S. Borax & Chemical to the newly created position of vice president for production and engineering. The newly created position of vice president for finance and administration is held by R. F. Steel. O'Brien was general manager, and Steel was assistant general manager.

Oscar D. Crosby has been named general production manager for Hooker Chemical Corp.'s phosphorus division (the new designation for the plants of Shea Chemical, which merged with Hooker recently). Crosby was Shea's senior vice president for production. John B. Suttiffe, formerly Shea senior vice president for industrial sales, has become general sales manager for the division. New traffic manager is Percy T. Brewbaker, who was Shea's traffic manager. Edward J. Bissaillon is phosphorus division engineer. He was chief engineer for Shea. Named works managers at the four plants of the phosphorus division are: Harold H. Fletcher, Jr., at Adams, Mass.; H. William Kopp, Jr., at Dallas, Tex.; Joseph T. Hanson at Jeffersonville, Ind.; and Theodore T. Garrett at Columbia, Tenn. All were plant managers at the same plants when owned by Shea.

James Deshler, II, has resumed full-time status with Minerals & Chemicals Corp. as chairman of the board.

Wid Philip Crawford has left Texas A&M, where he was assistant professor in the poultry science department, to join Pfizer's agricultural research and development center at Terre Haute, Ind.

R. P. Thomas of International Minerals has been elected chairman of the Midwest research and education committee of the National Plant Food Institute. Elected chairman of the Southwest research and education committee is Leroy Donald of Monsanto.

Luis J. Vergne has been appointed by the phosphate minerals division of International Minerals as sales manager for Latin America. He will be responsible for phosphate rock sales in Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean area.

W. Adrian King has been named vice president of the chemicals division of Olin Mathieson. He has been general sales manager for the industrial chemicals division.

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**Herbert T. Peeler** has been named supervisor of nutrition research for International Minerals & Chemical. He was in a similar post with Universal Mills, Inc. At IMC, he will supervise studies in animal nutrition and animal biochemistry.

**Walter P. Arnold** has been elected executive vice president of Koppers Co., Inc. **Douglas Grymes, Jr.**, succeeds him as vice president and general manager of the wood preserving division.

**Norman M. Johnson** has joined International Minerals as supervisor of sales services in the marketing division. He was with Elgin Watch Co. as supervisor of sales research. At IMC, he is to develop sales incentive and compensation programs, allot quotas and territories, and initiate sales control systems.

**Philip C. White** has been appointed general manager of the new research and development department of Standard Oil (Ind.). The new department consolidates research and patent activities. White had been manager of the research department since 1956. **Pike H. Sullivan** will manage patents and licensing.

**H. C. Huffman** has been named head of the procurement department of Swift's agricultural chemical division, succeeding **B. W. Guess**, who has accepted another position.

**Frank G. Watson** has been promoted from assistant manager to manager of Shell Chemical's ammonia plant at Pittsburg, Calif. He succeeds **G. S. Williamson**, who has been transferred to manager of the synthetic rubber plant at Torrance.

**Hugh Jones**, who recently completed a tour of active duty with the Army, has rejoined Union Carbide's Crag agricultural chemicals staff at White Plains, N. Y.

**Ernest Sondheimer** has been on temporary leave of absence from the State University of Forestry at Syracuse to take an interim assignment as a research biochemist with USDA at Richmond, Calif. He has been working on plant hormone compounds and on fruit and vegetable flavorings.

**Stratton McCargo** will become new public relations chairman for the fertilizer section of the National Safety Council on Oct. 20. He succeeds **J. Lauren Shopen** of Consumers Co-op Association.

**Laurence C. Walker** has accepted a temporary appointment as chief forester of the National Plant Food Institute. He is on leave from the University of Georgia, where he is associate professor of forestry. His primary responsibility will be to summarize and evaluate forest fertilization work currently under way in the Southeast and

to explore the need for a coordinated research program.

**W. G. Hewitt**, president of Pacific Guano since 1953, has resigned from the company. He has not announced future plans.

**Willard H. Garman**, NPFI's chief agronomist, has been elected to the board of the American Society of Agronomy.

**Hermes O. Grant** has been appointed a project engineer at International Minerals' Bonnie, Fla., chemical plant. He has been project engineer for Glidden since 1956.

**William H. McConnell**, vice president for sales of Diamond Alkali since 1953, has been named to the new position of vice president for marketing. He is to focus on the expanding requirements of the company's marketing and sales management. In the new position of director of sales is **Henry B. Clark**, who has been general manager of the soda products division. Clark will manage the nine branch sales offices and administer market planning.

**L. H. Sutherland** has been promoted from section head to assistant director of research for Escambia.

**E. S. Younts** has joined the American Potash Institute staff as agronomist for the eastern region, serving the area from Virginia to Maine. He will

be located in Washington, D. C. He was research assistant professor of soils at the University of Maryland.

**Albert S. Allen**, an authority on food and produce packaging, retired from Du Pont on July 1 after 33 years with the company. He joined the company as a cellophane salesman the year after cellophane was first produced in the U. S., advancing to special representative, film department.

**Henry Gessner, Jr.**, has joined American Potash & Chemical as assistant export manager. He was assistant export manager for Amkor Corp.

**Denis Hayley** has joined the staff of National Agricultural Chemicals Association as director of information. He was product manager for a unit of Diamond Alkali, and has spent some 20 years in the pesticide field.

**Walter F. Bram** has been appointed manager of raw material procurement and wholesale and export sales for Smith-Douglass Co., Inc., succeeding **Russell Spivey**, who has resigned.

## Death

**John Powell**, former president of the Smith Agricultural Chemical Co., died Aug. 8. He was a former member of the board of National Fertilizer Association.

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